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WITH HIGH BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES**

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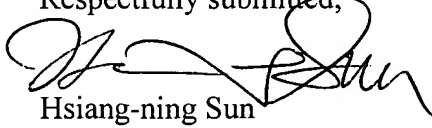
Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a computer readable form (CRF) copy of the sequence listing and a diskette containing the same. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing is provided in the accompanying application. The content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing on paper as originally submitted.

Applicants elect Claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 20, which read upon SEQ ID NO: 18 for initial prosecution. Accordingly, Applicants withdraw Claims 4, 5, 16, 17, 18, and 19, without prejudice, from consideration at this time.

Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner enter this Preliminary Amendment into the application as submitted.

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